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Emergency Powers In Malaya

Singapore, June 16.—Sweeping emergency powers were today given to the Malaysian authorities as the wave of lawlessness and murder in the Federation added three Britons and a Chinese to its growing list of victims.

To combat what the police today described as "Chinese gangster members of a Communist strong-arm corps, out to destroy the rubber and tin industries," Sir Edward Gent, the High Commissioner, announced these new powers, effective at once, for the authorities in the four worst areas:

The death penalty for the illegal possession of arms or explosives, special police rights regarding arrest, detention, assembly, curfew, search of persons and premises, closing of roads and waterways, regulation of buildings, vehicles and boats, and the seizure of selling documents and potential weapons.

The High Commissioner's announcement followed swiftly on the news that three British plantation managers and a Chinese contractor were shot dead in the Perak area, central Malaya.

Two of the British victims were tied up and then riddled with Sten gun bullets. The third was shot by pistol bullets from the door and window of his bungalow. They were murdered at breakfast time at estates near Ipoh, 300 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese contractor, on a rubber estate in the same district, was shot this afternoon. The police believed his murder was in reprisal for the recent arrest and conviction of trespassers on the estate.

Today's new powers cover this district and areas in Johore, in the south around Singapore, where three Kuomintang leaders were shot by Chinese last Saturday.

Women and children were evacuated from the district after today's murders as Gurkha troops were rushed to the estates to help armed police already hunting the gangsters.—Reuter.

PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND

Lisbon, June 16.—Lisbon airport announced today that American planes had found wreckage aloft in the Atlantic believed to be that of the three flying fortresses missing since Monday.

Two Portuguese warships have been ordered to the areas.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Debtor-Creditor Debate

THE Debtor-Creditor Ordinance is now law and needs only the formal assent of the Governor to make it effective. Thus any discussion of its merits or weaknesses becomes academic. Nevertheless there was quite an interesting debate in Legislative Council yesterday which, if nothing else, went to show that the "Unofficials" had given a certain amount of thought to this controversial subject. Curiously enough it was the supporters of the Bill who offered the closest analysis of its debatable features. The opponents, Mr Man-kam Lo and Mr T. N. Chau contented themselves with a flat rejection of the Ordinance on the ground that the debtors would prefer to take their chance on a court decision regarding the validity of occupation payments. Government replies to criticism, therefore, had to be confined to legalistic interpretation of international law which might, or might not be upheld by a Court. Government's argument all along has been that it would be thoroughly inequitable to one party or another if it were left to a court to return an overall decision on the validity or otherwise of occupation payments, inasmuch that it would be verdict that could not take into account any special individual circumstances. It is difficult to disagree with this approach, and if accepted, the only bones of contention remaining are the actual terms of the Ordinance. Here again there has been a very

MALAYA IN FERMENT: BRITISH TROOPS MAY BE USED

Commons Statement By Mr Creech Jones

BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS

London, June 16.—The Colonial Office was considering the use of troops to restore order in Malaya, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, informed the House of Commons today. In a statement on the recent outbreak of violence there, culminating today in the murder of three British plantation managers and a Chinese contractor in the Perak area, Mr Creech Jones said a decision on the banishment of persons involved in the lawlessness was also about to be made.

Replying to a question from a Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr P. W. Donner, about the "Communist-inspired outbreak of crime and violence in Malaya," Mr Creech Jones said the worst affected areas were central and south Perak and central Johore. During the week ending June 12, there had been five murders and two attempted murders in these areas. All except one attempted murder could be attributed to organised violence.

Announcing the murder of the three British plantation managers, the Colonial Secretary said the sweeping emergency powers instituted by the High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, would not remove offenders from the jurisdiction of the courts, except in the case of individuals whom it might be necessary to detain in the interests of public safety.

Police posts and military patrols had been increased in the affected areas and police had been posted temporarily to some estates where violence had occurred or was expected.

Other measures were taken for the safety of plantation staffs in remote areas, including the issue of police weapons on loan to individual planters.

INADEQUATE POLICE
Answering Mr Oliver Stanley, wartime Colonial Secretary, who spoke of the numerical weakness of the police in Malaya, Mr Creech Jones said further steps had been taken to increase the police force in the last few weeks.

Emergency measures had also been adopted to get out to Malaya new equipment and apparatus which had been on order for some time.

There had been no request from the local Government about the use of troops. That was under consideration by the Colonial Office.

In reply to Major E. A. Urmann, Labour, who asked for an assurance that measures to prevent disorder would be accompanied by others to ensure that the root causes of the discontent in Malaya were removed, the Colonial Secretary said that several Commissions had been sent to Malaya to examine the economic and social background.

Mr L. Gammans, Conservative, asked: "Do you agree with the statement of Mr Malcolm Mac Donald, the Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia, that international Communism is playing an important part in this unrest? Why have powers of banishment not been

granted until now by the Colonial Office?"

Mr Creech Jones said a decision about banishment was about to be made.

Regarding Communist propaganda, regulations relating to all kinds of subversive propaganda had been tightened and certain steps taken to amend the trade union regulations.

ANOTHER MURDER

Singapore, June 16.—Ten gunmen, armed with automatics and revolvers, today ambushed a Chinese foreman of a rubber estate near Kulai, in the Johore area, and shot him dead.

This was the fifth murder today in the disorders in Malaya following the shooting of three British managers of rubber estates and a Chinese contractor.

The Chinese foreman was a supporter of the Kuomintang (the Chinese Government party). Three leading Kuomintang supporters were killed in the same district last Saturday.

The Straits Times declared in its issue dated tomorrow that the whole British regime in Malaya was challenged by the murders.

"Is there to be a constitutional civilised government or a government by the gun and knife?" the paper asked.

Under the heading: "Govern or get out," the paper questioned whether the police were adequately armed to deal with "a combination of guerrilla, bandit and political killer."

He said there had been ghastly outrages in Britain since the war and no one put it down to Communist-inspired murder.

Mr Donner intervened to say that the evidence came from the High Commissioner himself.

GALLACHER'S QUESTIONS

Mr Gallacher also asked: "On what grounds the Malayan Federation Government had declared illegal the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions?"

Mr Creech Jones said he was awaiting a report on the matter from the High Commissioner.

Mr Gallacher asked: "Is the Minister aware that where there is such a situation as appears to exist in Malaya, it is very undesirable to try and remedy it by oppression and suppression rather than by a clear straightforward Socialist progressive policy?"

Mr Creech Jones denied there was any repression. "We are concerned with certain subversive organisations in Malaya and the necessary action must be taken in view of the background of violence and disturbance there at the present time."

Mr Creech Jones made no further reply when Mr Gallacher asked if it was not a case of "palpable repression when a trade union federation is being declared illegal by an emergency decree." He said: "In such a situation as exists in Malaya, where the masses of the people for generations were kept submerged in the lowest conditions and liberation day. It is a concession which would fit suitably a measure which, from first to last, is a compromise."

In the House of Lords, Lord Alwyn, Conservative, asked the Government whether it could now make a full statement about the murder of Mr John Ramsden,

Marching In The Rain



The postponed King's Birthday parade which took the form this morning of a march past at the Cenotaph was marred by heavy rain. Nevertheless the march past was carried out with fine precision. Here is seen a contingent of the Buffs marching through the city streets on the way to the saluting base.—Staff Photographer.

March Past Carried Out In Drenching Rain

Soaked to the skin, about one thousand officers and men of the three Services and the Hongkong Police, marched smartly through the city from Wanchai this morning to take part in the postponed King's Birthday parade.

Assembling at the junction of Stubbs Road and Gap Road the troops comprising the Royal Navy, Royal Marines (with band), Buffs (with band), Royal Air Force, Hongkong Police, and Inniskillings (with band) paraded through Queen's Road East and Queen's Road Central turning into Pedder Street out to the waterfront and then along Central towards Central pierhead, the naval base opposite the Cenotaph.

Crowds lined the pavements all along the route while verandahs were also filled with eager onlookers.

At the saluting base where the Union Jack was flown at the masthead stood His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in full white ceremonial uniform with sword, and wearing a red and white plumed helmet.

His Excellency took the salute and did not wear a raincoat.

Sixty officers at the Saluting Base were Admiral Sir Denis Boyd (Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet), Rear-Admiral R. D. Oliver, Commodore C. L. Robertson, Major-General F. R. G. Mathews (General Officer Commanding), Brigadier H. A. Skone, Air Commodore S. N. Webster (Air Officer Commanding) and Mr D. W. MacIntosh (Commissioner of Police).

The order of the march was Royal Navy; Royal Marine Band; Royal Marines; Band of the Buffs; Royal Air Force; Police; Band of the Inniskillings; and the Inniskillings.

Arab Condition

For Palestine Settlement

Cairo, June 16.—Following the murder of three Britons and two Chinese in Malaya today the police at midnight (local time) tonight carried out a raid at Kuala Lumpur arresting 20 Communist workers in the office of the Communist newspaper, the Min Sheng Pao.

Security officials declared here that there was no evidence in Malaya that Russia—or any other overseas Communist body—was directing the local Communist clique to the Malayan Government.

The officials added, however: "Events in South East Asia are following the expected pattern after a check of Communism in Europe."—Reuter.

NATIONALISATION DEMAND

Blackpool, June 16.—An immediate nationalisation of Britain's iron and steel industry by an emergency decree was demanded by the Foundry Workers Union Conference here today.

The delegates, representing 77,000 foundrymen, rejected a proposal to withhold compensation from owners, but agreed that only the minimum rates of compensation should be paid for obsolete plants which should afterwards be demolished and rebuilt on modern lines.—Reuter.

WAVE OF STRIKES IN EUROPE

Blood Flows In French City

London, June 16.—A wave of strikes swept Western Europe, drawing nearly 300,000 persons from factories and classrooms of four nations in protest against meagre wages and cramped living conditions.

Britain, Belgium, France and the United States Zone of Germany are affected.

Blood flowed in Clermont-Ferrand, "rubber" capital of France, as police and soldiers ousted all-in strikers from the factory building.

Nearly 200 persons were injured in the 11-hour battle, which ended in temporary victory for the peace forces.

The city is in a state of "armed truce" tonight. More than 2,000 troops, mobile guards and local police held the factory, but nearly 20,000 strikers were entrenched in the surrounding streets.

LONDON WALK-OUT

Less violent, but more vital, strikes threatened Britain's food supply and Belgian's industry. In London, an unofficial walkout of 12,000 stevedores left thousands of tons of perishable food lying on the docks. Seventy-five ships lay idle in the Thames as dockers protested minor disciplinary measures against 11 of their fellows.

The Belgian industry was paralyzed by a strike of 250,000 iron and steel workers, who were demanding a five per cent wage increase and a raise in minimum wages.

The situation was less grave in Heidelberg, Germany, but the issues were no less important to the strikers—2,500 students who paraded in an orderly demonstration today, demanding improved living conditions and better study facilities.

There was no indication of central organisation in the outbreak of student strikes. They appeared to be spontaneous protests by discontented individuals, fired by the ferment of spring.

Each nation is striving to settle its disorders in a way fitting the nature of its own particular troubles.

France was rushing reinforcements to Clermont-Ferrand as strikers demanded the withdrawal of troops already there and threatened a general sympathy strike to enforce

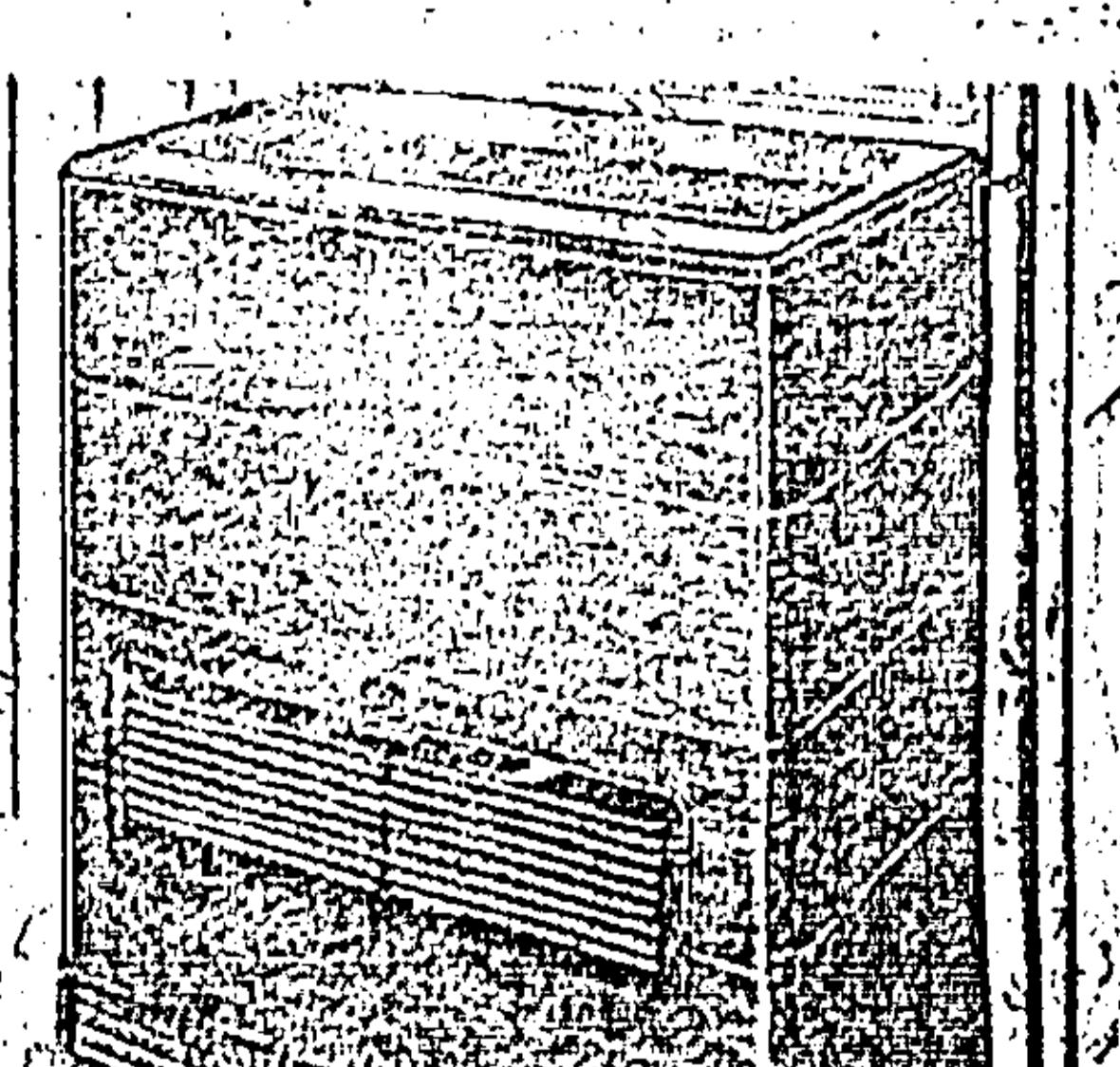
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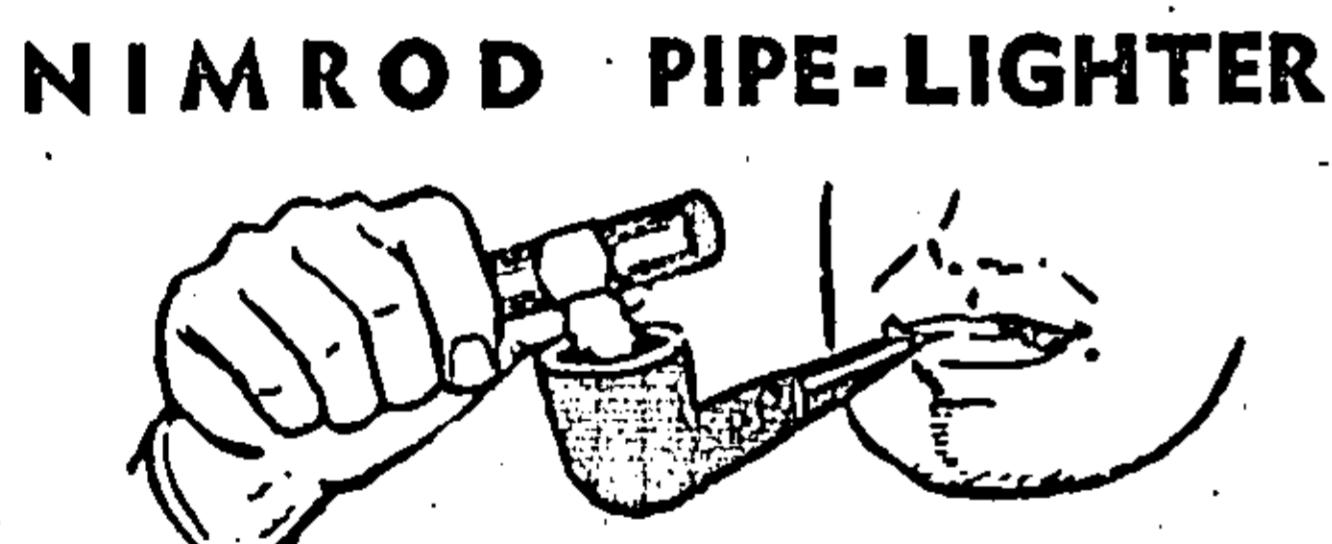
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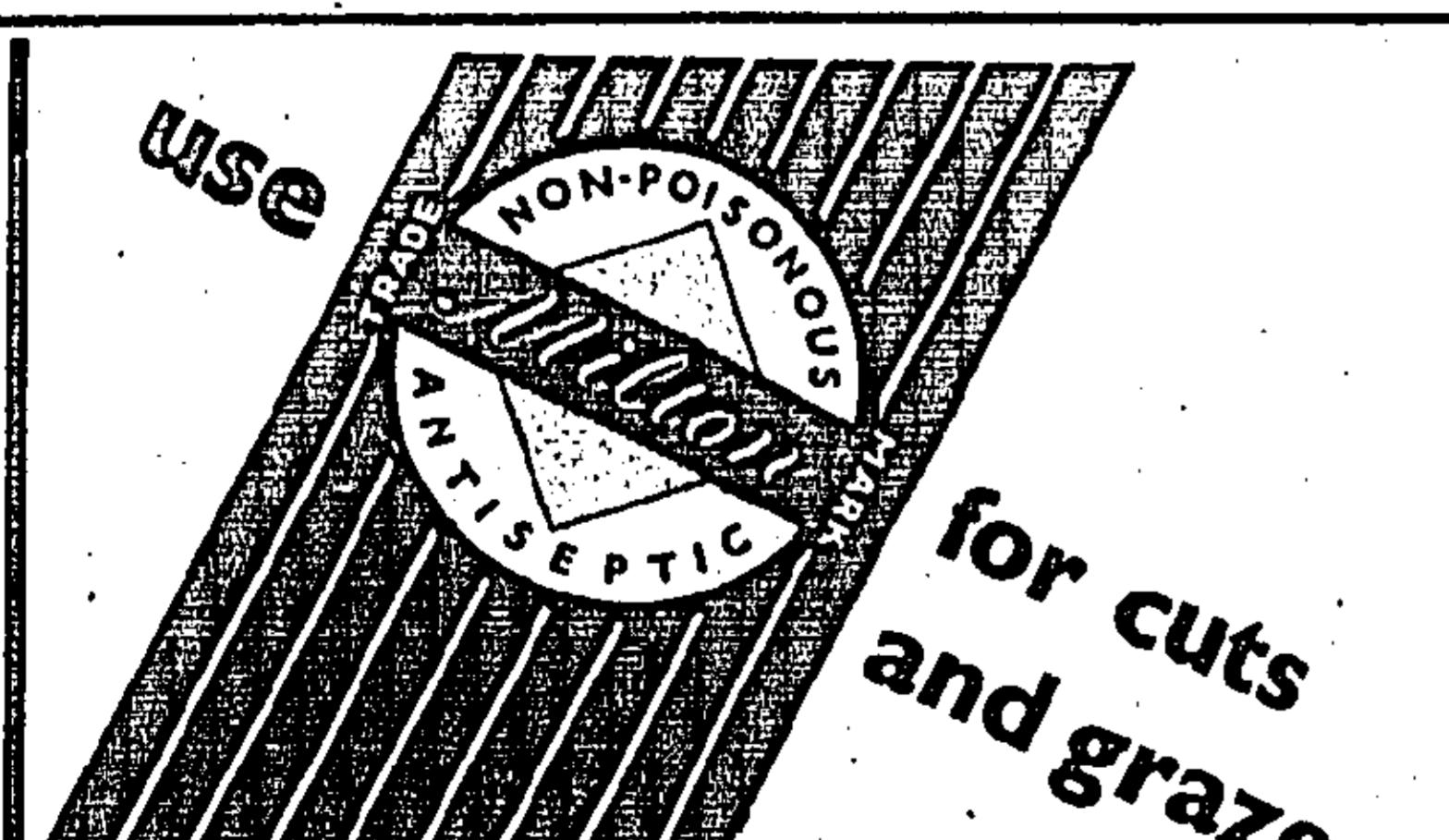
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WOMANSENSE

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR PORCH

By ELEANOR ROSS

WITH such beautiful porch and terrace furniture back on the market, it is a challenge this year to do right by the porch, and make every use of its possibilities. Whether it is wide open, partially or fully enclosed, it should be outdoor living space, a real outdoor living room, and worthy of something better than nondescript pieces in an indifferent setting.

Instead of inheriting the left-overs from the rest of the house, the porch should have first call on a good number of interesting and comfortable pieces. Otherwise, whatever has to be used, should be nicely finished or done over.

—Open Porch

Of course if one has to cope with an open porch facing the street, as is the case with many houses, then it can't be treated quite as gayly so far as colour is concerned as it could if it had some privacy. But it can get a hint of privacy with bamboo or wide venetian blinds, and its colour can be cheerful if a mite toned down. Give it a living room treatment. Make it comfortable with big chairs, a sofa or glider, table and chairs for dining or games, and a desk.

If you are using discarded pieces from other rooms, paint the furniture one colour and choose fabric in a contrasting colour for upholstery, either plain or patterned. Slip covers are out of place on an exposed porch, and any recovering you may do should be in water-repellent material.

Any Colour Scheme

Almost any colour scheme is good. Clear strong colours like red and yellow, blue and green are nice. Use plenty of colour in the furniture, rugs or floors and the fabrics.

Both bamboo and metal furniture are well suited to the porch. There are handsome pieces in wrought iron, in aluminium and we are pleased to report that rattan furniture is back, and in particularly handsome designs. One or two nice pieces of either metal or summer wood can be used with painted furniture, and the colour on the cushions should be the same or in the same colour for all pieces.

It is not necessary to have all the pieces the same shape, type or style, but every piece should have a casual air about it, and look as if it belonged in a room that catered to the outdoors and the sun.

That 'Lacy' Look Again!



By ALICE ALDEN

FOR many centuries the nimble fingers of the women of France have been making delicate lace, Alencon, Chantilly, beautiful rose petal lace, of heirloom richness. Our designers, once again, are using real French lace for some of their most striking creations. O'Callaghan is importing the cream of the

lace crop to make this the laclest of seasons. Chantilly lace in sapphire blue, yards and yards of it, is a dramatic part of this striking dance dress. It is a strapless ballerina model, the skirt stiffened with horsehair and finished with a lace flounce.

RED RYDER

LETTY LENNON IS TAKEN TO RED RIDER'S RANCH WHILE HER FATHER IS TREATED FOR A DANGEROUS BULLET WOUND.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE,
LET ME FIX THE CHILD'S HAIR, RED!

MAYBE RED RIDER NOT TWISTED PIGTAIL RIGHT, BUT HIM ALWAYS TAKE 'EM GOOD CARE OF ME, AUNT DUCHESS.

RED, RED, RED,

Found at Last

SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE TAKIN' CARE OF RED, LITTLE BEAVER! HE CAN BE AUL HELPLESS!

RED, RED, RED,

By Fred Harman

YOU SEE COWBOY WITH RED HAIR, YELLOW SNOW? YES, DOING MAD? WE HAVE FOUND HIM!

RED, RED, RED,

Natural Look for Eyebrows



Musical Comedy Star Nanette Fabray says that outlining brows and the lower lid of the eyes is an important part of eye make-up.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE is an old saying that a woman will sacrifice everything for her complexion, even her complexion. That has been true of eyebrows during the last two decades. They've gone through such a process of remodelling that there just isn't anything left of them.

Naturally, there is a turn-about.

Beauty specialists implore the cash customer to lay off the poor little things, to let them assume a more natural appearance.

First intentions were good enough.

The girls started plucking stray

fuzzers that had wandered from the brush. It was fun; it became an obsession. Some of those duckies who go in for extreme effects annihilated their completely, didn't even resort to crayon. Moon Lisa style!

Neat eyebrows, black as the raven's wing, give character to the feminine countenance. The depleted wraith of an eyebrow imparts a void expression; if it is lifted too high one carries a permanent look of surprise that is no beauty bargain.

To take on an upward tilt at the far end of the forehead scimitar is to assume the look of Mephistopheles and who in the world wants to look like Satan? Yet it has been done, is still being done by some misguided young ladies.

We urge the members of this beauty class to do their eyebrow weeding with restraint, to avoid frankish effects that are strictly out of date and of which the poor public is weary.

Brush your eyebrows daily; put a little brilliant on the bristles of the brush. When you wash your face, shampoo them. They are dust catchers of the first order; they were designed not only for the purpose of decoration, but to catch beads of sweat that might flow down the noble brow and dust that might enter the eyes.

If you are doubtful about your present pattern, seek professional attentions. Beauty operators do cute tricks with eyebrows. And learn how to use an eyebrow pencil. It adds a nice touch.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Toys Went on a Picnic

—And the Children Didn't Even Miss Them—

By MAX TRELL

THE house was dark and quiet, because it was late at night and everyone was fast asleep. But in the playroom it was quite a different story. At exactly twelve o'clock, Mrs Cuckoo opened the door of her cottage-in-the-clock and called out at the top of her voice: "Time to start! Everybody up! Up! Up! . . . Everybody up!"

With that Mrs Cuckoo, instead of stepping back into her cottage and shutting the door, flew around the playroom and began darting at Teddy the Stuffed Bear, General Tin the tin soldier, Mary-Jane the rag doll-Miss China Doll, Mr Punch and his wife Judy, and everybody else who was asleep in the room.

She also woke up the canary, the cat and the goldfish.

"Time to start on our picnic!" she kept saying. Finally everyone was up. Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-around names who were fast asleep in a corner of the hall near the umbrella stand, heard that noise and came running into the playroom.

"If you're going on the picnic with us, you'd better be ready to start at once!" Mrs Cuckoo said.

Middle of the Night

Handi said: "Where are we going? It's the middle of the night! How can you go on a picnic in the middle of the night?"

"Just come along and you'll see," said Mrs. Cuckoo. "Children go on picnics in the middle of the day. But we're not children. We go on picnics in the middle of the night."

By this time General Tin had saddled the Hobby Horse, and everyone was getting on his back. So Knarf and Handi got on, too. Mrs. Cuckoo stood on the Hobby Horse's head, and the canary stood on his tail. Mr. Punch carried the goldfish in a little jar.

The cat also wanted to go. The canary objected and said there wasn't any more room. But the cat said she'd make room, so she squeezed in between Teddy the Stuffed Bear and Miss China Doll.

Then General Tin shouted: "Giddyap!" . . . and the Hobby Horse galloped straight through the playroom wall!

It was an extraordinary thing!

The wall just melted away like a mist, and the Hobby Horse, with everyone on his back, went right through it.

Green Hilltop

On the other side was a beautiful hilltop, green with grass. The sun was shining. At the foot of the hill a brook sparkled as it ran among the reeds and cattails. From all around came the chirping of crickets. Robins sang their songs. Bumble-bees hummed.

Then Mary-Jane the rag doll; and Handi, Judy and Miss China Doll spread a table-cloth on the grass.

Everyone shouted with joy as the sandwiches were taken out of the baskets. Everyone ate so much they could hardly eat another crumb. So all the remaining crumbs were scattered for the birds to eat.

Played Games

Later they played games. They played tag up and down and around the hill. The only one who didn't like it was the canary. He complained that the cat kept chasing him, long after the game was over, and never bothered to chase anyone else. But the cat only smiled and licked her chops—but she promised not to do the canary any harm.

Then finally they all climbed back on the Hobby Horse and rode quietly home again. It was just morning when they got there. And none of the children ever knew that their toys had been on a picnic.

As the iron handle is turned the great iron slides upward in its groove until there is space for the dwarf to edge the boat under it and into the dark, dank entrance. "What a gloomy place!" says Willie, shakily. "Isn't there any other door to the tower?" "No," says the dwarf. "This is the only way in and that barrier is always kept shut. The professor's experiments are so important that he can't have strangers coming in." "Oh, what an exciting place," says Rupert.

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MISSING VOWELS

Vowels have been omitted and the words run together in the following sentence about Mexico. Insert the vowels and break up the line to form a good sentence:

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Answer

Guatemala is Mexico's southern neighbour.

Rupert's Island Adventure—14



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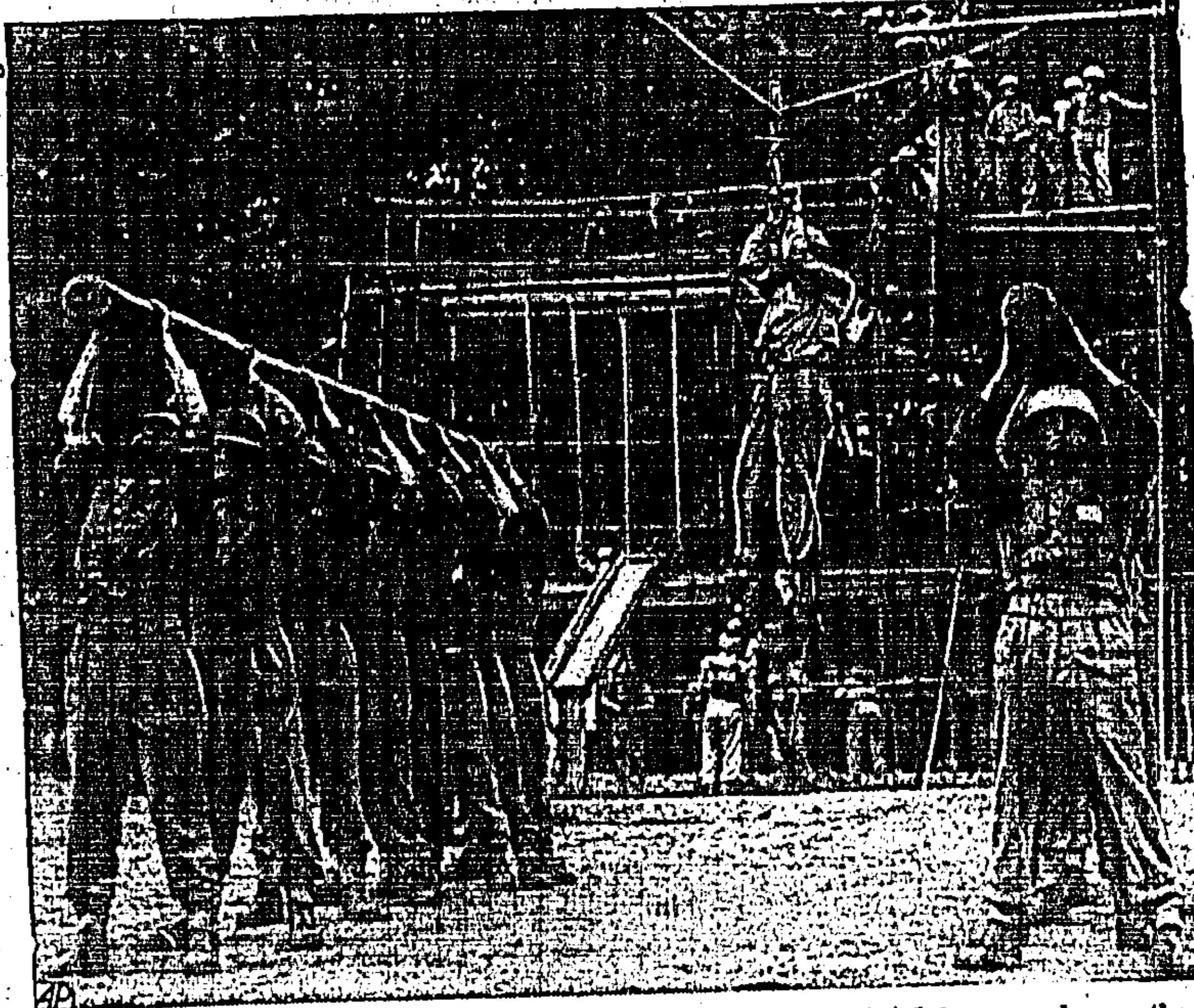
TOJO ON TRIAL—Lt-Col. A. S. Kenworthy, in charge of war crime prisoners in Tokyo, stands beside Hideki Tojo, who after more than two years of trial recently had his last say before the Tribunal. The Allied Tribunal is now in the process of reviewing the case, and a decision is expected soon.



SISTER ACT—Wearing identical clothing, Patricia, (left) and Diana Hutchinson drew admiring glances from other guests attending the Royal Presentation Party given by the King and Queen in London. The sisters wore "new look" dresses striped in black and white, and face-framing bonnets.



CITRUS QUEEN—Shirley Rhodes, 16, selected to reign as Queen of the Florida Citrus Exposition in Winter Haven, shows her style by sampling her wares.



'DEATH GLIDE'—While parachutist volunteers practise with a heavy pole, another volunteer takes his turn at the "Death Glide"—a pulley running on a tight wire cable at the R.A.F. Parachute and Glider Training School in Upper Heyford, near Oxford.



BUDGING BUILDER—Lu-Anne Jones, 19, was selected to act as hostess for the third annual Home and Building Exposition in Los Angeles. Exhibits will range from household gadgets to a complete home.



TROBRIAND MARKET PLACE—Natives of the Trobriand Islands, an archipelago 100 miles east of New Guinea, carry on their traditional occupations much as they did before the white man visited them. A taste for oysters, rather than an admiration for pearls, led their fishermen to dive into the deep lagoons. The Australian Government administers the islands, and makes sure that traders in search of wealth do not disrupt native life. Here, the natives sell their copra, and each basket is carefully weighed and the value calculated.



TO AID MEDICAL SCIENCE—Scientist Dr John W. Coltman peers through a laboratory test device in Pittsburgh which has helped him and his colleagues to discover how the X-ray image seen on the screen of a fluoroscope can be brightened 500 times. It provides a means of guiding, focusing and accelerating the electron beam which "carries" the image along the length of the tube and imprints it on a small screen near the eyepiece. The machine will give physicians a clearer view of their patients' internal organs in living action.



SUSPICIOUS—Linda Satterwhite, aged 3, doesn't even trust the photographer. Doctors at a Danville (Illinois) hospital used a bronchoscope, forceps and vacuum tube to remove pecan meats from her lungs. Now she distrusts all gadgets.

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CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISPUTE DECISION

Court Refuses To Interfere With Institution's Affairs

INJUNCTION ACTION FAILS

An application brought by certain members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for an interlocutory injunction to restrain the Chamber from electing members of the Committee and Supervisory Committee and to restrain any person or persons so elected from acting in such capacity was dismissed, with costs to defendants, by Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) in a judgment delivered at the Supreme Court this morning.

His Lordship held that no case had been made out sufficient to constrain or entitle the Court to interfere in the affairs of the Chamber and that the plaintiffs were not entitled to the declaration or injunction asked for.

The application was brought by Lui Yam-shuen, Hsu Chi-ling, Lam Hau-tak, Tsai Ching-yun, Chu Yu-wah, Yang Sal-fong and Chiu Sui-keung, members of the Chamber, plaintiffs.

Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, Mr Brook A. Bernochi and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam, appeared for the plaintiffs.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce defendants were represented by the Hon. Lee d'Almada, KC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by the Hon. Sir Man-ken Lo, Kt.

An application by plaintiffs for an interim injunction to restrain the Chamber at the annual meeting (which was held on May 19 when 20 supervisors were elected) from proceeding to the election of 20 members of the Supervisory Committee of the Chamber was rejected by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice E. H. Williams on May 18.

THE JUDGMENT

The writ in this action which was brought by seven members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter called "The Chamber") seeks a declaration that the Chamber is not entitled to proceed to the election of the Committee and Supervising Committee during the year 1948, and an injunction to restrain the Chamber from proceeding with such elections. The proceeding actually before the Court was an inter partes summons, the hearing of which was by consent treated as the trial of the action, asking for an interlocutory injunction (a) to restrain the defendants from electing members of the Committee and Supervising Committee of the Chamber in contravention of Article 32 of the Articles of Association and (b) to restrain any person or persons so elected as members of such Committee and Supervising Committee from acting in such capacity.

The Chamber is a company limited by guarantee and by virtue of its objects holding the Governor's licence to dispense with the word "Limited" in its name. From affidavits on the file, it appears that certain changes in the Articles of Association had been mooted prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War and in 1947 what are referred to as "new" Articles were considered by a sub-committee and were approved at a general meeting of members on September 8, 1947. It was proposed to adopt the new Articles at another general meeting on October 10, 1947, but that meeting was adjourned until October 17 when on legal advice it was decided to convene another Extraordinary General Meeting to consider and pass the Articles which were in the meantime, to be further considered. In view of the proposal to adopt the new Articles on October 10, it was resolved by the Committee that no new applications for membership received after 5 p.m. on October 14 would be considered. This resolution was rescinded at the meeting of October 17 and a sub-committee was appointed either then or at some subsequent date to consider new applications. By February, 1948, the sub-committee had considered over 3,000 applications and 2,977 were approved.

ALLEGATIONS

It is alleged by the plaintiffs that of these applications, some 1,500 were lodged by persons selected by a member named Ko Cheuk-hung and further that a majority of the Committee members of the Chamber were under his influence and were his instruments in directing the policies of the Chamber. This last allegation is hotly denied in an affirmation signed by all members of the Executive Committee (except two absences and one member who is one of the plaintiffs) and it is to be noted that no committee election has taken place since the admission of the new members. However, for consideration which will appear later in this judgment, I consider these matters to be relevant only as showing the background of the dispute.

The new Articles were finally approved and adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on March 5, 1948. During that month according to the affidavits filed on their behalf, the plaintiffs "introduced a large number of their friends and reputable merchants to apply for membership of the Chamber" with the avowed object of checking the growing power of Ko cheuk-hung. The meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 10, 1948 decided that, in view of the approach of the annual meeting, it was impossible to examine the large number of applications in time and referred the matter to the Committee for its decision. The Committee decided on March 25, that the applications should be referred for consideration to the new committee to be elected before the end

better a position and could not have challenged the election if it had taken place before the end of April. On the face of it, therefore, the election having been authorised by the requisite majority of the proper body without damage to the plaintiffs, it would seem equitable that the Court should refuse to interfere, but it can hardly be denied that if the failure to hold the election at a certain time is an irregularity, there is no time during the two-year period following the meeting in March 1948 when a confirming resolution would be any more effective as far as Article 32 is concerned. Therefore the irregularity, if any exists, cannot be cured by a further general meeting of the Chamber without alteration of the Articles for which a simple majority would not suffice. That fact renders it difficult to distinguish this case from those relied upon by the plaintiffs (such as the Automatic Self-cleansing case) which are admittedly exceptions from the rule in *Foss v. Harbottle*. Counsel for the Chamber sought to do so on the ground that the last mentioned case and those like it were all cases where the plaintiffs had suffered material and personal damage which was not the present case.

INCIDENTAL DISTINCTION

While that distinction is a good one as far as the present case goes, it is, I think, of incidental and is not the basis of the distinction between the *Foss v. Harbottle* line of cases and Automatic Self-cleansing line, which as I have indicated rests upon the fact that the will of the majority could in the former cases, though irregularly expressed, be confirmed if necessary, and in the latter could not, because it had gone beyond the contractual powers of the majority. In *Foss v. Harbottle* itself, the damage alleged was material. I think that it might be proper to hold in the present case, by way of limitation to the exception exemplified by the Automatic Self-cleansing case, that as the powers given by the Articles were not in fact exceeded, their exercise at the wrong time was a mere irregularity which, even though it could not be cured, did no damage to any person and that therefore the "majority rule" principle should be applied.

"Where no special provision is made by the constitution of a corporation, the whole are bound by the acts not only of the major part but of the major part of those who are present at a regular corporate meeting, whether the number present be a majority of the whole or not."

RULE EXEMPLIFIED

This rule is exemplified also in the cases of *Mozley v. Alston* 1 P. 790 and *MacDougall v. Gardner* 1 Cr. D. 13. Some extracts from the Judgments of the Lords Justices of Appeal in the last mentioned case are worthy of note. James L. J. at page 23 said:

"I cannot conceive that there is any equity on the part of a shareholder on behalf of himself and the minority, to say, 'True it is that the majority have a right to determine everything in connection with the management of a company, but then we have a right and every individual has a right to have a meeting held in strict form in accordance with the Articles';"

and later at the same page:

"The whole question comes back to a question of internal management; that is to say, whether the meeting ought or ought not to be held in a particular way, whether the directors ought or ought not to have sanctioned certain proceedings which they are about to sanction, whether one director ought or ought not to be removed, and whether another director ought or ought not to have been appointed. If there is some one managing the affairs of the company who ought not to manage them, and if they are being managed in a way in which they ought not to be managed, the company are the proper persons to complain of that."

INTERESTING QUESTION

The last sentence is interesting, as the short question in the present action is whether the Committee which will presumably by now have been appointed by the Chamber will be one validly appointed or not;

If not, it would appear to be the view of James L. J. that only the company can complain. That the rule in *Foss v. Harbottle* has this effect is also the opinion expressed in Palmer's Company Law (16th Edition) at page 179.

"But the company may bring an action to restrain a de facto director from acting as director or representing himself as such. This right, however, is confined to the company; an individual member has no right to bring such an action where a director is disqualified or improperly appointed. For the matter is one for the company to determine, that is, for the majority, and if the majority choose not to interfere, the individual member must conform to the will of the majority. See rule in *Foss v. Harbottle*, p. 236."

Nevertheless, there are cases, e.g. forfeitures of shares or calls made by directors improperly appointed, where the appointment can undoubtedly be attacked by an individual.

To revert to *MacDougall v. Gardner*, Mellish L. J. at p. 25 of the report says:

"In my opinion, if the thing complained of is a thing which in substance the majority of the company are entitled to do, or if something has been done irregularly which the majority of the company are entitled to do regularly, or if something has been done illegally which the majority of the company are entitled to do legally, there can be no use in having a litigation about it, the ultimate end of which is only that a meeting has to be called, and then ultimately the majority gets its wishes. Is it not better that the rule should be adhered to that if it is a thing which the majority are the masters of, the majority in substance shall be entitled to have their will followed?"

TRIVIAL IRREGULARITY

In the present case the irregularity complained of is not that the election was effected by a body incompetent to do so but that it was carried out by that body at the wrong time. This being so, it would appear that the irregularity was trivial and did in fact no damage to the plaintiff, who would have been in no

additional directors had not been delegated to the directors so as to exclude the inherent power of the company in general meeting to appoint directors. At the conclusion of his judgment (at page 634) Sirless L. J. used the following words:

"For these reasons and also because I do not think that the inherent power of the corporators to direct the control of their own company, by nominating the directors, is excluded by any contract contained in the Articles of Association—I think this appeal must be allowed."

The type of contract referred to, I imagine, is the ordinary procedural agreement embodied in the Articles comparable to that in the Articles of the Chamber and not a contract with a particular person that he shall act. If these words of Sirless L. J. contain a correct interpretation of the law, there can be no doubt that the Chamber had power to elect a committee at a general meeting properly called. If they go too far, nevertheless I consider that the Chamber would still have inherent power to elect a committee to solve a deadlock produced by the constitution.

SIMILAR DEADLOCKS

Somewhat similar deadlocks were referred to in *Isle of Wight Railway Co. v. Tahourdin* 25 Ch. D. 320 and in *Harrison v. Potter* 1914 1 Ch. D. 695 in which certain passages from the former case are quoted with approval. At page 902 of the judgment in the latter:

"For practical purposes there is no board of directors at all. The only directors are two persons, one of whom refuses to act with the other, and the question is, what is to be done under these circumstances? On this point I think that I can usefully refer to the judgment of the Court of Appeal in *Isle of Wight Ry. Co. v. Tahourdin* not for the sake of the observations of Cotton and Fry L. J. upon the effect of a deadlock such as arose in the present case. Cotton L. J. says: 'Then it is said that there is no power in the meeting of shareholders to elect new directors, for that under the 8th section the power would be in the remaining directors. The remaining directors would no doubt have that power if there was a quorum left. But suppose the meeting were to remove so many directors that a quorum was not left, what then follows? It has been argued that in that case, there being no board which could act, there would be no power of filling up the board so as to enable it to work. In my opinion that is utterly wrong. A power is given by the 8th section to the remaining directors if they think proper so to do to elect persons to fill up the vacancies. I do not see how it is possible for a non-existent body to think proper to fill up vacancies. In such a case a general meeting duly summoned for the purpose must have power to elect a new board so as not to let the business of the company be at a deadlock'."

I should perhaps add, though the point was not taken, that if the meeting of the Chamber in May were to be challenged as the annual general meeting as being held on the wrong date that is a matter which definitely comes within the scope of the rule in *Foss v. Harbottle*.

WEIGHTY ARGUMENT

A point similar to the view I have expressed would be arrived at by holding the Article 32 as directory only and thereby reconciling it with Article 11. I do not think I need go into this aspect of the matter beyond observing that the argument of counsel for the Chamber appears to have considerable weight in the light of the decision quoted by him—*R. v. Norwich Corporation* 1 B. & A. 310 and in view of the at least, partial repugnancy which would result from a mandatory construction. Looked at from a contractual point of view, which is of course properly urged by Counsel on both sides as the correct one, the position is no better so far as the plaintiffs are concerned. The Articles being binding upon the Chamber as a committee can be elected during 1948, unless the Articles are again altered. If a committee cannot be elected in 1948, it appears that the Chamber will be left without committee. The general statement, in Hallifax para. 513 that the acting directors of a company are in like circumstances usually qualified to act, is qualified by the reference at the end thereof to the true construction of the Articles, and the authority for the general statement must have its base in such provisions as Articles 76 of Table C and 38 of Table C of the Companies Ordinance, 1932. Those Articles are not applicable to the Chamber, the Articles of which provide for a definite two-year term of office. In such circumstances, where existing appointments have expired and there has been no fresh appointment, the Courts have not hesitated to declare that no directors existed.

Thus in *Tyne Mutual Steamship Insurance Association v. Brown* 74 L.T.R. (N.S.) 283 where the Articles provided that directors held office for one year, it was held that after the expiration of that period were invalid in default of re-election, and were not cured by an Article designed to cure defects in appointment and qualification of directors. A similar decision was delivered by the House of Lords in *Morris v. Karssean* 1946, 1 A.E.R. 586. In the result, the Chamber will have no committee as from some date this year, and if every Article is to be construed strictly, it will not be able to elect one until the Articles are amended—for Article 11 provides for election only in any year in which the term of office of a committee shall expire.

SECOND SUBMISSION

It remains to consider the second submission on behalf of the plaintiffs—that the Executive Committee and the Committee were not entitled to defer consideration of the new applications of March, 1948 until after the election. On this submission, the Court having indicated that in view of the meagre material on the point contained in the affidavits, and in the absence of any application for cross-examination of deponents, it was not disposed to consider any argument based on *mala fides* by the two Committees concerned, Counsel agreed that his argument would rest on the mere fact of the refusal of these committees to consider the new applications before the general meeting—or at least to consider all those that time allowed. His submission was based on Article 6 which reads as follows:

"Any person, firm, 'hong,' association or organisation desiring to become a member of the Chamber

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

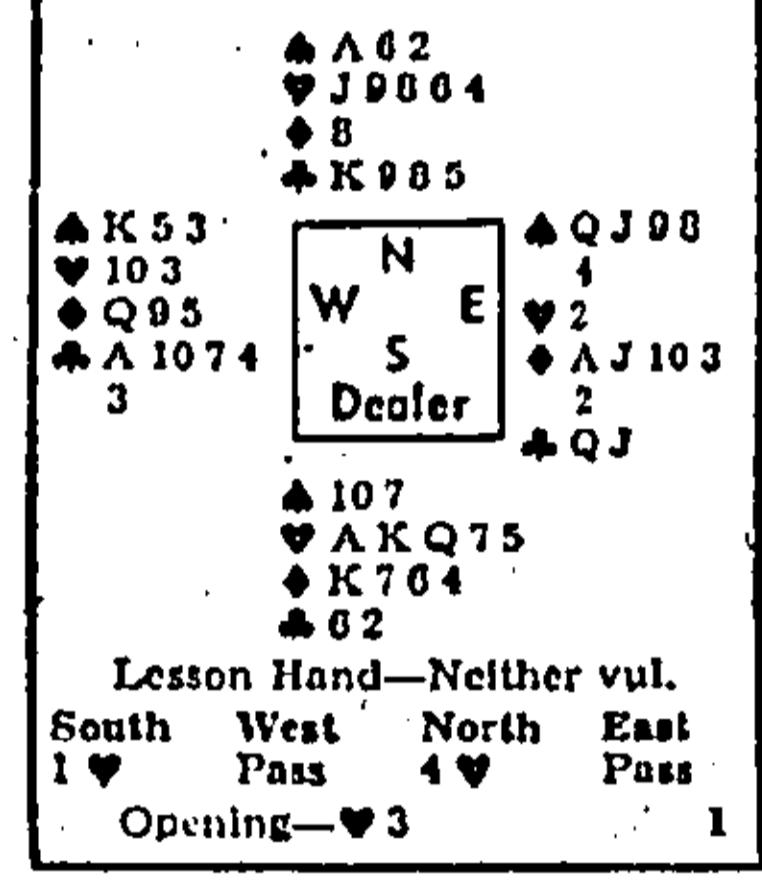


"I can't sleep because I just know we're forgetting something—did we miss giving to any campaigns being conducted this week?"

LESSON HAND

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Finding 10 Tricks
Where 6 Are Seen



Lesson Hand—Neither vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ Pas 4 ♠ 20 ♠
Opening—♦3 1

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TODAY'S Lesson Hand comes from one of the cleverest little bridge books it has been my pleasure to read, "You Too Can Play Bridge," by Many Flasher, bridge editor of the Columbus (O.) Citizen. It's only 40 pages including rules, yet it covers every phase you need to know.

One of the things I harp on constantly is counting your tricks, a subject Mrs. Flasher handles well in the hand shown today.

In regard to the opening lead, her simple statement is excellent: "West on lead should lead a heart, since the bidding indicated that the opponents have no losers in that suit, and West may reserve his honour cards in the hope of capturing tricks as the play develops."

Now we come to declarer's problem, and Mrs. Flasher says "South, the declarer, looks over his prospects to take home his ten tricks. If he cashed all his hearts and his spade ace, he would have six tricks. He needs four more, so he must use his trumps separately by ruffing."

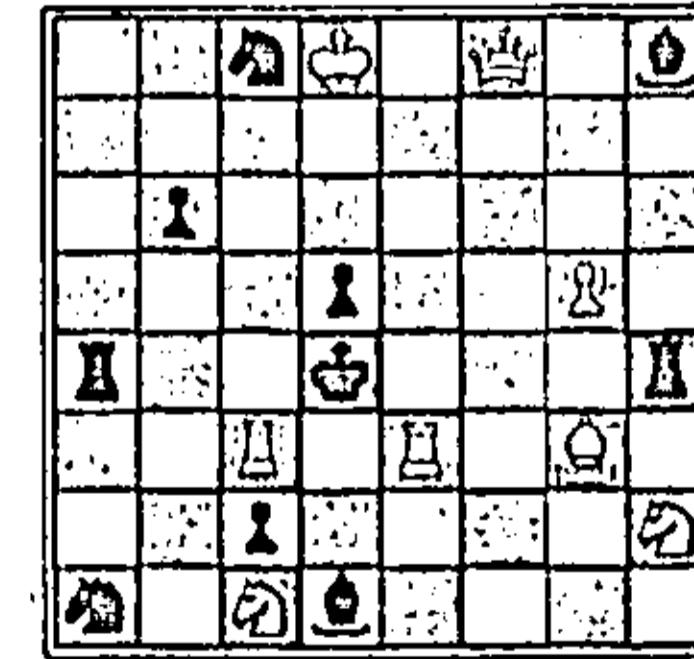
Therefore the first trick is won by declarer with the ace of hearts and a small club is led toward dummy's king. If West plays low, declarer should play the king from dummy. However, West probably would go up with the ace of clubs and lead another heart. This is won in dummy and the eight of diamonds led toward South's king. East would win this trick with the ace and probably return a spade.

Now see how simple it is to develop the hand into ten tricks. Cash the king of clubs, ruff a club, cash the king of diamonds, ruff a diamond, ruff another club, ruff another diamond—all declarer has to lose is a spade, a diamond and a club.

CROSSWORD

By J. G. NIX

Black, 10 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B—d4, any; 2, Q, R, or K mates.

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2. Let on. (3)

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4. This tent is established. (3)

5. Skins in reverse. (3)

6. Drown Street. (3)

7. Friend. (3)

8. A. Water. (3)

9. Grey. (3)

10. Dust. (3)

11. Algebra. (3)

12. Very. (3)

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

BORN today, you have an active and forceful mind which when combined with an innate originality of idea, gives you more than a good chance at fame and fortune. However, you do have an easy-going streak in your nature and a deep love of all humanity. You will push yourself toward some definite goal, but when it comes to pushing others around you lack that something which makes a perfect executive.

Perhaps, because you dislike to conform to convention yourself, you have an innate dislike of making others conform to your ideals. Be that as it may, you will find that you cannot get your ideas across to others unless you do use a certain amount of forcefulness. Don't be stubborn and insist upon your method as the only good one. Often a compromise in method of procedure will not necessarily mean a compromise in basic ideal. Make sure that you know when it is important to co-operate with others for the best lasting effect. Once you have learned this lesson, there is

little you want that you may not achieve.

You women are natural home-makers and will be happiest if you marry when quite young and have a large family of your own. If denied this, you might easily devote your life to the care of children by teaching, nursing or entering some type of social work in which the welfare of children is a paramount objective. You are an excellent manager and can "make-do" with very limited budget.

Both you men and women are exceptionally fond of music. Although you have talent in this field, the chances that you will be an appreciative audience, for the performance of others, rather than becoming a professional musician yourself are pretty certain.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)—Mechanical and scientific projects especially those having to do with chemistry, are especially favoured.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Selling is favoured; also important correspondence. If a letter needs writing, write it now for effectiveness.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—New friends and contacts, met on vacation trip, may become helpful in future business plans. Be congenial.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Romantic interests may supersede your interest in business affairs, but don't neglect either one for the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—A new opportunity may be offered. Take full advantage of it to make increased progress toward your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 22)—Better success in business affairs, especially if you are dealing with the public. Salesmanship is favoured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Buying and selling of artistic and gift merchandise appears especially favourable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Routine detail may take on increased importance, so leave nothing undone which should be completed now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Partnerships, both business and marital, advance favourably. Social contacts prove highly beneficial.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Land interests and the construction trades are favoured just now. Interest in real estate development increases.

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US Policy In Japan Defined

Evatt Sees Danger

Berlin, June 16.—Australia's External Affairs Minister Dr Herbert V. Evatt told the House of Representatives today that United States emphasis on rebuilding Japan was largely byproduct of the generally tense relations between America and Russia.

America agreed two years ago that Japan should have no industry for war use but that policy was being modified, Dr. Evatt said.

Japan might become an important factor in any future conflict between America and Russia.

A modified policy, however, might be a portent of the menace to Pacific countries like Australia similar to the policy after the first world war resulting in Germany becoming a menace to Democracy, he added.

"The Australian views are shared by other British Commonwealth members on the Far East Commission in Washington," said Dr. Evatt, who was replying to opposition criticism of his foreign policy.—Associated Press.

AUSTRALIAN MISSION

Canberra, June 16.—A Parliamentary delegation is to leave for Japan on July 2 during a recess to investigate prospects for development of Australian-Japanese trade. The Army Minister, Mr Cyril Chapman, announced today.

A delegation of four Government and three Opposition members would also study troop conditions, he said.

"Recent significant moves to re-establish certain Japanese industries make important an Australian investigation at Government level," the Minister said.

It was learned in other official quarters that Australia was anxious to demonstrate at close hand the Government's concern at the delays in the Japanese peace settlement and at certain United States suggestions to build up Japan's heavy industry.—Reuter.

U.N. POLICE FORCE PLAN

Lake Success, June 16.—The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie said today that he is going ahead with his own plan for a United Nations police force.

Mr Lie told a news conference that he was satisfied with the response to his speech at Cambridge, Mass., last week in which he outlined a suggestion for a small security force.

No decision has been taken yet. Mr Lie said, whether he will lay the plan before the Security Council or the Assembly. He has the right, under the charter, to initiate proposals in either body.

Mr Lie said that he had received many letters from men wanting to volunteer in any United Nations Security force which he thinks should recruit from 1,000 to 5,000 men.—Associated Press.

TWO KILLED IN DEMERARA RIOT

Georgetown, British Guiana, June 16.—Two persons were reported killed, one seriously wounded and seven injured in a clash between police and 500 striking sugar estate workers at a plantation at Enmore on the East Coast of Demerara.—Associated Press.

Quads' Father Collects His Child Endowments

Bristol, June 16.—Two civil servants wearing the customary striped trousers hailed Charles Good, father of quadruplets, while he was ploughing today on his employer's farm.

"Come to Bristol," they said, "and apply for your government allowances of five shillings a week each for your four daughters."

Farmer Good put on his best suit and got in their car to go to claim his money.

All his four children now seem safe risks for the government. Little Jennifer, weakest and smallest at birth, had the 116 of her oxygen

French Agree To German Monetary Reform

Soviets Make A Request

Berlin, June 16.—The Russians tonight asked the Western Allies here to postpone currency reforms for Germany for at least a week in an attempt to reach four-power agreement, according to German sources.

Germans in close association with the Soviet administration said that the Russian request came through the French.

At the same time, the Russian-licensed German news agency, ADN, said tonight that "one of the Western powers has already taken urgent steps to reach an all-German solution of the currency problem since they fear that a Western reform would cause a complete breach between East and West".—Reuter.

Chamber Of Commerce Judgment

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shall sign a form of application for admission provided by the Chamber and shall be proposed by one member of the Chamber. The Standing Committee shall consider the proposal and application and recommend the applicant to the Committee for election."

The second part of that proposition calls for consideration of the applications by the Standing Committee. Apart from the point that no such body at present exists, Article 16 is obviously directory and indicates the procedure which it is proper to follow. The absurdity of having too strict a construction to the words used is quickly seen by reference to the last clause—"The Standing Committee . . . shall recommend the applicant to the Committee for election." There must obviously be read into those words some such phrase as "if it shall deem fit" and equally there must be a discretion as to when the applications are to be considered, subject only to the necessity of its exercise being done in the interests of the Chamber to the best of the Committee's ability. If, in fact, there has been delay in the present case, it is easy to suggest perfectly good possible reasons and it has been agreed that the argument does not rest upon any allegation of undue delay.

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Paris, June 16.—The French Government has agreed to a monetary reform in Western Germany, M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, said today.

Defending the six-power London plan for Germany in the National Assembly debate tonight, he declared: "I do not know, in the whole of history, so far-reaching a provision for effective control as that proposed in the London recommendations."

He was answering criticisms levelled against the plan—providing for a Western German Government and the international control of the Ruhr—by all parties in the Assembly's four-day debate.

A vote is expected late tonight or early tomorrow.

M. Bidault announced in his speech that France has decided to agree to a currency reform in Germany.

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NO OTHER ROAD

France must not underestimate the gravity of simply rejecting the efforts made in London without offering an alternative.

"I am sure there is no other road open to us," M. Bidault added.

"I ask you to consider that, in voting for Europe and her peace, we are also voting for France."

In his speech, he said: "The French Government says that it is not true that the roots of federalism have been cut in Germany. It is not true either that people should expect everything as a fruit of this federalism."

"It is not true either that this federalism can dispense with a certain central organism for the whole body of Germany."

"The French Government has decided to agree to the necessary monetary reform in Western Germany. Without this reform, the French Zone would be condemned to asphyxiation."

M. Bidault spoke for 68 minutes. He was constantly interrupted by questions.

AUTHORISED NEGOTIATIONS

Referring to the question whether the London proposals were "ordinary recommendations" or "Government agreements" the French Foreign Minister said: "I am not going to pretend that our representatives did not have telephones at their disposal."

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RUHR COAL MINES

M. Bidault also said: "The London recommendations constitute a whole. All the points defined in these proposals are points of agreement. On the other points negotiations are continuing. It is in the

Wave Of Strikes In Europe

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demands for a 20-percent wage increase.

A high Belgian Cabinet official was awaiting union proposals for further negotiation toward solution of the dispute which stopped operations at midnight last night. Fires still burned in the country's 47 blast furnaces in anticipation of an early settlement.

In Britain, a five-man tribunal has been appointed to pass a decision on the dockers' protest, at a series of meetings beginning tomorrow morning.

The Heidelberg students have returned to their classrooms in the ancient University town, which is now the United States Army's German headquarters. No action has yet been taken to satisfy their demands, but three German political parties have indicated sympathy with the young strikers.—United Press.

DE-BEARDED

Paris, June 16.—Sixty-year-old August Vallont paid a five dollar fine today for assaulting a widow of his own age who snipped off his beard while he was asleep.

Hospital officials, meanwhile, reported another dividend for the Goods and their quads. Little gifts of money and clothing are pouring in on mother Margaret Good from all over the country, they said.—Associated Press.

She said that after 28 years of constant growth, the beard was getting to be "ragged and dirty."—United Press.

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